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TAGS: PGOV, XF, IS, EG, US

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2. WE CAN EXPECT BEGIN IN WAKE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO MOUNT CONCERTED CAMPAIGN BOTH DIPLOMATICALLY AND PUBLICLY TO DEPICT ISRAELI POSITION AS FUNDAMENTALLY REASONABLE. WE BELIEVE ONE OF HIS CENTRAL THEMES WILL BE THAT ISRAEL

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3. SADAT'S ASSURANCES TO YOU IN YOUR MOST RECENT CONVERSATION AS WELL AS HIS DECISION TO AGREE TO WEIZMAN VISIT

ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT SADAT INTENDS TO ACT IN MANNER THAT WILL ENCOURAGE PROCESS OF REAPPRAISAL THAT IS UNDERWAY IN ISRAEL. WE WANT NOW TO FOLLOW UP ON RELATED POINT.

4. POINT WE WISH TO RAISE HAS TO DO WITH THE PROBLEM OF COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE WEST BANK/GAZA ISSUE. AS SADAT HAS BEEN INFORMED, THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON THIS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM OF NECESSITY FOR MODIFICATIONS ON CERTAIN CRUCIAL POINTS IN THE BEGIN PLAN. WE BELIEVE WE MADE SOME HEADWAY, BUT ISRAELIS CONSTANTLY RESORTED TO ARGUMENT THAT IT WAS UNREASONABLE FOR US TO DEMAND THAT THEY COME UP WITH CONCESSIONS IN THEIR POSITION IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY COUNTERPROPOSAL FROM ARAB SIDE.

5. WE NEED NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST BANK/GAZA AS WELL AS STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. AS SADAT KNOWS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PUT FORWARD OUR OWN IDEAS AT THE PROPER TIME. IT WILL BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE WITH ISRAEL IF WE CAN DO SO IN THE CONTEXT OF PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD BY BOTH SIDES. COOPER
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